The setting up of new radio 1. decided, keeping in view serveral considerations, the principal among them being the nerd for providing coverage to areas not covered by the singnals from any other existing station, specific needs of the tribal and border areas, linguistic and cultural needs, technical feasibility etc. The availability of financial resources is also an important consideration.

Programme for the development of water resources in different States

2Q78. SHRI S. W. DHABE: Will Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

a) whether the Government of a have any programme or plan for the development of underground water resources during the next two years; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the programme in different States?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Water being a State subject, programmes for development of water resources are planned, funded and implemented by the State Governments themselves. The Seventh Five Year Plan envisages creation of an additional potential of 7 • 1 million ha. from ground water resources and the target for 1985-86 is 1-4 million ha. The State-wise details are given in the enclosed statement.

The targets for 1986-87 have yet not been drawn up.

Statement

(000 *ha.*)

S. No.	State/UT	Target for 7th Plan	Target for 1985-86
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	360	19
2	Assam	75	15
3	Bihar	900	190
4	Gujarat	260	19·7
5	Haryana	100	30
6	H.P.	2	Nil
7	J. & K.	1	..
8	Karnataka	70	9·5
9	Kerala	40	8·5
10	Madhya Pradesh	466	62
11	Maharashtra	265	40
12	Manipur	0·5	..
13	Meghalaya	2·0	0·3
14	Nagaland	0·5	0·05

1	2	3	4
15	Orissa	432	44
16	Punjab	260	49·8
17	Rajasthan	150	33
18	Sikkim	Negligible	..
19	Tamil Nadu	70	13·3
20	Tripura	5	1
21	Uttar Pradesh	3465	800
22	West Bengal	150	64·6
	TOTAL STATES :	7074	1400·25
23	Andaman & Nicobar	..	..
24	Arunachal Pradesh	0·5	..
25	Chandigarh	0·3	0·09
26	Dadar Nagar Haveli	0·075	..
27	Delhi	1·5	0·6
28	Goa Daman Diu	1·0	0·3
29	Lakshadweep	..	..
30	Mizoram	Negligible	..
31	Pondicherry	0·4	0·1
	TOTAL UTS :	3·775	1·09
	TOTAL STATES/UTS :	7077·775	1401·34
	or say	7100	1400

Buffer Stock of Sugar

2079. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sugar buffer stock stood at 10 lakh tonnes up to the end of 1983-84; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the monthly releases and what is the total amount of interest paid to the m3! owners, stating the rate of interest paid upto November 1984 and the amount outstanding, if a

THE MINIS TEK OF STY OF THE MINISTRY OF F< AND CIVIL SUPPLIES K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir. The buffer stock scheme was introduced in 1982, primarily 1 1 even out the cyclical fluctuations in sugar production and to utilise these during the years of less production. Additional credit facilities provided to the sugar factories was, *inter alia,* to enable them to clear cane price dues.